

FCC Commissioner Powell,
Please reject NAB Petition 04-160. Satellite radio, XM Radio in particular, is a better product than that offered by traditional AM and FM radio stations. The NAB is asking the FCC to stifle competition because they know they can't compete on a quality basis. Traditional radio has become nothing but an aural billboard. Radio stations get very excited when they play "10 in a row," but they then subject listeners to 10 minutes of commercials. The NAB is really making an attempt to protect its advertising revenues. Hopefully, the FCC and the Energy and Commerce Committee will see through the campaign contributions and the rhetoric in making the correct decision.

I prefer to have traffic, weather, and news available at my convenience rather than at the mercy of some washed-up DJ/Program Director.

The Federal Government couldn't (and shouldn't have) protect the steel industry from competition due to technological innovation. Don't make the same mistake of hindering competition again. Traditional radio will soon be obsolete, the NAB just doesn't want to admit it.

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